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...WHERE AM I?
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Chapter 31

AH! IS SHE AWAKE?
YEAH! SHE'S AWAKE!
WHAT IS THIS PLACE?
Kyaaa!
Kyaaa!
THANK GOODNESS YOU'RE FINALLY AWAKE!
YOU WERE ASLEEP FOR TWO DAYS!
Pang
DAMN IT! THAT'S REALLY JARRING...
BE QUIET, GIRLS!
THAT WOMAN IS ILL!

I'M MARTHA, THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE.
WHO ARE YOU...?
DID YOU HELP ME?
YOU FELL DOWN ONTO OUR LAND.
URGH !!!

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU SEEM TO HAVE BROKEN A BONE WHEN YOU FELL.
It's all red and swollen
!
FOR NOW, OTHERS WILL HAVE TO HELP YOU GET AROUND.
BUT...
THEN WHEN AM I GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS COUNTRY?
YOU'RE TRYING TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AS A WOMAN?
YEAH.
HAA... THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
IT'S PRETTY HARD TO LEAVE OR ENTER THIS COUNTRY RIGHT NOW.
THAT'S WHY I'M LEAVING.
THERE'S NO NEED TO INTENTIONALLY LEAVE A FREE COUNTRY.

AND ALSO,
GOING BY HOW YOU TALK, YOU SEEM TO HAVE QUITE A DIFFERENT STATUS COMPARED TO US.
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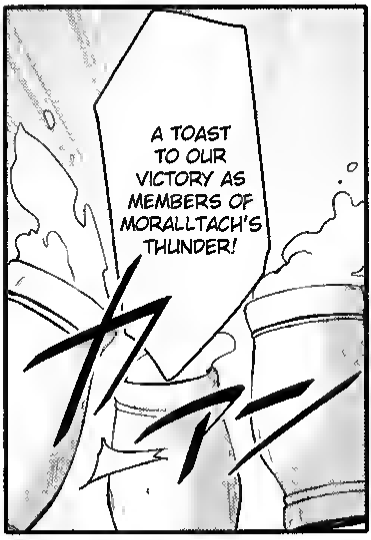
...GOOD POINT.
YOU HAVE A SHARP MIND.
JUST HANG IN THERE!
NONE OF THAT'S GOING TO HELP ME NOW.
SOMEONE'S WORTH CHANGES FROM TIME TO TIME.
JUST LIKE THE PRICE OF FISH,
IT NEVER STAYS THE SAME.
I'M NOT WORTH ANYTHING JUST FROM BEING A WOMAN.

IT JUST HAS TO STAY THE SAME IN YOUR HEART.
NOW,
.....
SINCE YOU'VE FINALLY WOKEN UP,
EAT A LOT SO YOU CAN QUICKLY HEAL YOUR INJURY AND GET OUT OF HERE!
Ah ha ha ha!
Kya ha ha!

...HOW CAN THEY LAUGH LIKE THAT
IN THIS COUNTRY?
I'M A SUB-LIEUTEN-ANT!?
COLONEL ROLAND WASN'T LYING!
Ohhhh!



NO ONE'S EVEN NOTICED THAT DANDRY ESCAPED.

NO. ISN'T THIS JUST A FUNERAL PROCESSION STRAIGHT TO HELL...?

...WHERE WERE YOU?

A STROLL?
BUT WOMEN AREN'T ALLOWED TO GO OUTSIDE AT NIGHT.

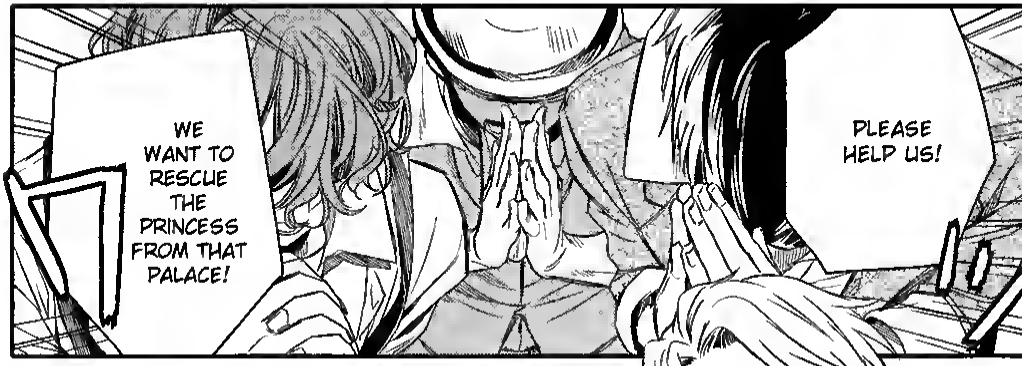
UH,
I JUST WENT ON AN EVENING STROLL.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, ISN'T IT ALSO FORBIDDEN FOR WOMEN TO TALK AT NIGHT?
...WHAT ARE YOU HIDING?
.....
DON'T TELL ME YOU...!
!!!!

REBELS?
YES, I'VE HEARD FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE
THAT THOSE WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE CURRENT, MALE-ORIENTED REGIME ARE MEETING IN SECRET.
TWO MIDDLE CLASS WOMEN HAVE TAKEN COMMAND.
IT'S MAINLY ORGANIZED BY WOMEN, BUT EXCEPT FOR THE POOR, THERE ARE ALSO MEN IN THE INTELLIGENTSIA WHO ARE TAKING PART IN IT.
I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE FUNDAMENTALLY FOR THE LUMIERE ROYAL FAMILY,
BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY'RE WHOLLY REBELLING AGAINST MEVIN AND MORALLTACH'S THUNDER.

WELL OF COURSE THEY'D GET MAD IF SOME PEOPLE FROM A FOREIGN COUNTRY JUST COME IN AND DO WHAT THEY WANT.
THEN LET'S JOIN THEM AND DO AWAY WITH MEVIN!
IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE, THEO.
IN THE END, THEY'RE JUST A JUMBLED LOT.
THEIR IDEOLOGIES, GENDERS AND CLASSES ARE ALL DIFFERENT,
SO THEY'RE LACKING IN UNITY.
AND THAT'S WHERE I COME IN.
THEY'RE PLANNING ON USING THE BEDRIDDEN PRINCESS AS A RALLYING CALL,
AND THAT'S WHY IT'S RUMORED THAT THEY'RE PLANNING TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS FROM THE PALACE...
THEN THEY GOT JUST WHAT THEY WANT.
WON'T THEY HELP US IF WE TELL THEM THAT THE PRINCESS IS RIGHT HERE?
BUT THE PRINCESS THEY WANT IS...

DON'T WORRY, GUY.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING BACK JUST TO BE A FIGUREHEAD.


WE WANT TO RESCUE THE PRINCESS FROM THAT PALACE!
PLEASE HELP US!

I HAVEN'T TOLD THEM ANY-THING!
I NEVER EVEN ASKED YOU WHO YOU WERE!
MARTHA! DID YOU TELL THEM ABOUT ME!?
NO!
I WANT TO GET OUT OF THIS COUNTRY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? MARTHA SAID SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE LUMIERE KNIGHTS!
THAT'S WHY SHE SAID SHE WAS KNOWLEDGE-ABLE ABOUT THE PALACE!
NO, ISN'T SHE A ROYAL INSTRUC-TOR?
YOU WERE A DUCHESS, RIGHT!?
PLEASE HELP US!
!
Teh heh!
IT'S JUST THAT MY TONGUE KIND OF SLIPPED!☆
YOU...
WELL, I JUST SAID THAT THAT'S HOW YOU LOOKED, YOU SEE.
URGH!
THOSE ARE ALL WRONG!
OHHH!
I'M COLONEL PATRICIA DANDRY, THE WESTERN REGIMENTAL COMMANDER OF THE MORRIGANESE ARMY!
IN THAT CASE,
I ALREADY SAID I WASN'T
WE NEED YOU!
COLONEL! PLEASE HELP US!

WE'LL GET YOU A SHIP TO TAKE YOU OUT OF THE COUNTRY.
SO IN EXCHANGE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT,
COULD YOU HELP US OUT?
!...

NEIGHBORING COUNTRY: EOCHAID
COME ON, LET'S GET READY TO DISEMBARK.
WE'LL BE TRAVERSING A MOUNTAIN,
SO BE PREPARED.
ALL RIGHT.

HURRY UP!
IT'S RIGHT BEYOND THAT THICKET!

IT'S MORRIGAN...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T BEEN AWAY FROM THIS COUNTRY FOR VERY LONG...
IT FEELS AS IF I'M GOING TO BE OVERCOME WITH NOSTALGIA.

THEO?
COME ON, LET'S GO.
WE HAVE TO GET DOWN TO THE TOWN BEFORE DAWN.

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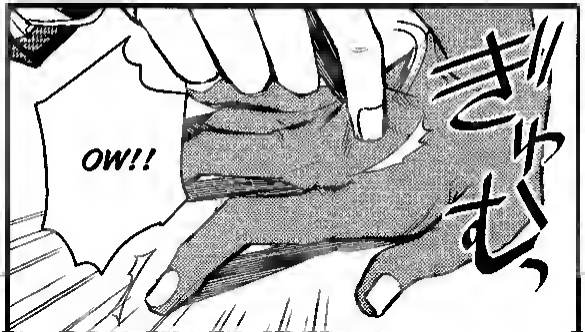
IS THIS THE PLACE...?
WHAT'LL IT BE?

I HEARD FROM MARCUS THAT THE RUM YOU HAVE HERE FROM TOLUCEMESIS WAS GOOD.
...WE DON'T HAVE THAT HERE. PERHAPS YOU MISHEARD WHAT WE CARRY.

THAT CAN'T BE!
AFTER ALL, THIS PLACE IS

I DON'T THINK I'VE MADE A MISTAKE.
YOU MUST HAVE MISUNDER-STOOD.
PLEASE ORDER SOMETHING ELSE.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MY APOLO-GIES.
IT SEEMS I WAS MISTAKEN.
LET'S GO.
HUH!?
DIDN'T YOU JUST GET THE PASSWORD WRONG?
JUST BE QUIET AND FOLLOW ME.
Aww...

Ah!
THEY'RE GONE!?

A DEAD
END!?
Urgh!
FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO VIOLENT.
!

MIND HAVING A LITTLE CHAT WITH US?
!!
YOU'RE THE PRINCESS?

YES.
I'M
ALEXIA LUMIERE, PRINCESS TO THE QUEENDOM OF MORRIGAN!

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MY LIFE WAS IN DANGER AFTER I GOT CAUGHT UP IN MEVIN'S SCHEME AND WAS BRANDED A MURDERER,
SO I TEMPORARILY FLED THE COUNTRY WITH THE HELP OF SOME FRIENDS,
BUT ONCE I HEARD ABOUT YOUR PLIGHT, I CAME BACK TO THE QUEENDOM OF MORRIGAN
TO TAKE BACK OUR MOTHERLAND FROM MEVIN AS A FELLOW COMPATRIOT.
IF YOU'VE REACHED OUT TO US,
THEN I'M SURE YOU'VE HEARD OF THE RUMOR ABOUT RESCUING THE PRINCESS.
BUT ON WHAT BASIS
SHOULD WE BELIEVE WHAT YOU SAY?

...TAKE THIS.
ONLY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY HAVE IT.
OHH...
THIS IS DEFINITELY A VALUABLE DAGGER.
THAT IS A SACRED DAGGER PASSED DOWN IN THE LUMIERE ROYAL FAMILY.
DECMA,
BRING HER IN HERE.
OKAY.

YOU'RE...!
PRINCESS ALEXIA ...!!
AND ARE YOU HER ATTENDANT, GUY!?
WHA !!?

SHE LOOKS FAMILIAR.
THIS IS COLONEL DANDRY! SHE WAS ONE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY WHO OPPOSED THE QUEEN, SO I REMEMBER HER WELL.
AHH! HER!?
WHY ARE YOU HERE...?
THAT'S MY LINE!
What's going on?
Tsk!
THAT DAMN OLIVIER.
HE NEVER TOLD ME THE PRINCESS ESCAPED...
He made a complete fool out of me.
CLOTHO...
DO YOU NEED ANY MORE PROOF?
NO...
One thing justified to another!
Then why are you with the rebels?
I don't plan on having anything to do with this country anymore!

PRINCESS ALEXIA,
PLEASE FORGIVE US FOR OUR RUDE BEHAVIOR,
AND PLEASE HELP US.
LEAD US BY BEING A LIGHT THAT ILLUMINATES OUR PATH...

OF COURSE!
I'LL BE WITH MORRIGAN UNTIL THE DAY I DIE!
THE PRINCESS IS BACK WITH US!!
GOD HASN'T ABANDONED US!!
Waaaa!
…!!!

EXCUSE US FOR EARLIER,
PRINCESS.
WE'RE ON THIN ICE, SO A SINGLE MISCALCULATION COULD BE FATAL.
I UNDERSTAND.
ALL OF US HAVE DIFFERENT CLASSES AND GENDERS,
BUT THE ONLY THING WE HAVE IN COMMON IS ANGER TOWARDS THOSE WHO INVADED THIS COUNTRY
AND WHO STIRRED UP THOSE FOOLS WITH THAT SWEET-TALK.
OUR GOAL IS TO ABOLISH THE TYPE OF WORLD THAT OPPRESSES PEOPLE BASED ON THINGS SOMEONE CANNOT PERSONALLY FIGHT AGAINST SUCH AS THEIR GENDER OR BIRTHPLACE.
OUR SUPPORTERS ARE STEADILY INCREASING,
BUT UNLIKE MEVIN'S MERCENARIES, NONE OF THE REBELS HAVE WEAPONS,
SO WE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE IN A DIRECT CONFLICT.

HOWEVER, NOW THAT WE KNOW YOU'RE THE REAL PRINCESS,
AS OUR CORNERSTONE, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO PUT YOU IN ANY DANGER.
WE'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.
AND SO, PRINCESS ALEXIA...
PLEASE ENTRUST YOURSELF TO US.
EVERYTHING IS FOR THE FUTURE OF MORRIGAN.
...SO YOU JUST WANT ME TO STAND AT THE TOP?
NO, THAT'S NOT EXACTLY...

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THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO TELL YOU, TOO...
FINE,
!?
CLOTHO! DECMA!
COME OUTSIDE QUICK!
THERE'S AN OFFICIAL NOTICE BEING GIVEN IN THE CENTER OF TOWN...!!

NOW HEAR THIS!
NOW HEAR THIS!
AS THE LEGITIMATE HEIR TO THE THRONE EFFECTIVE TODAY!
MEVIN'S ROYAL SINGER OLIVIER, FORMERLY ATTIS LUMIERE, HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE PRIVY COUNCIL
!!

FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE OF A REVISION TO ARTICLE ONE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY LAW REGARDING THE RIGHT TO SUCCEED TO THE THRONE,
ONLY MALES BELONGING TO THE ROYAL FAMILY MAY ASCEND TO THE THRONE!
I REPEAT!
NOW HEAR THIS! NOW HEAR THIS!
THIS IS...!
ONLY MALES BELONG-ING TO THE ROYAL FAMILY
MAY ASCEND TO THE THRONE!

to be continued.

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